

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Daily Digest

Highlight

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 12, 2010.

Committee Meeting

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee continued hearings to examine the nomination of Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, after receiving testimony from Lilly Ledbetter, Jacksonville, Alabama; Jack Gross, Des Moines, Iowa; Jennifer Gibbins, Prince William Soundkeeper, Cordova, Alaska; Captain Flagg Youngblood, USA (Ret.), Captain Pete Hegseth, Army National Guard Vets for Freedom, Gregory Garre, former Solicitor General of the United States, Latham and Watkins, Robert Alt, Heritage Foundation, Ed Whelan, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Marcia Greenberger, National Women's Law Center, and Tony Perkins, Family Research Council, all of Washington, D.C.; Colonel Thomas N. Moe, USAF (Ret.), Lancaster, Ohio; Jack Goldsmith, Robert C. Clark, and Ronald Sullivan, all of Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Captain Kurt White, Harvard Law Armed Forces Association, Somerville, Massachusetts; Ronald Rotunda, Chapman University School of Law, Orange, California; Stephen Presser, Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois; Kim J. Askew, Dallas, Texas, and William J. Kayatta, Jr., Portland, Maine, both of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary; Massachusetts Court of Appeals Associate Justice Fernande Duffly, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Association of Women Judges; Charmaine Yost, Americans United for Life, Arlington, Virginia; Peter Kirsanow, Benesch Law Firm, Cleveland, Ohio; David Kopel, Independence Institute, Golden, Colorado; and William J. Olson, William J. Olson, P.C., Vienna, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 53 public bills, H.R. 5658–5710 and 12 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 295–296; and H. Res. 1498–1499, 1501–1508 were introduced. **Pages H5500–03**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5503–04**

Reports Filed: Report were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1500, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 4899) making emergency supplemental appropriations for disaster relief and summer jobs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–522);

In the matter of Representative Laura Richardson (H. Rept. 111–523); and

H.R. 5320, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to increase assistance for States, water systems, and disadvantaged communities; to encourage good financial and environmental management of water systems; to strengthen the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to enforce the requirements of the Act; to reduce lead in drinking water; to strengthen the endocrine disruptor screening program; and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–524). **Page H5500**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson (IL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5305**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Bradford Braley, First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa. **Page H5305**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, June 29th:

Honoring the veterans of Helicopter Attack Light Squadron Three: H. Res. 1228, amended, to honor the veterans of Helicopter Attack Light Squadron Three and their families, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 415; **Page H5309**

Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act: H.R. 2340, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 410 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 416; and **Pages H5309–10**

Recognizing the important role pollinators play in supporting the ecosystem and supporting the goals and ideals of National Pollinator Week: H. Res. 1460, to recognize the important role pollinators play in supporting the ecosystem and supporting the goals and ideals of National Pollinator Week, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 412 yeas with none voting “no” and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 417. **Page H5311**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, June 30th:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the political situation in Thailand be solved peacefully and through democratic means: H. Res. 1321, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the political situation in Thailand be solved peacefully and through democratic means, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 411 yeas to 4 noes, Roll No. 419; **Pages H5319–20**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Affirming the support of the United States for a strong and vital alliance with Thailand.” **Page H5320**

Congratulating the people of the 17 African nations that in 2010 are marking the 50th year of their national independence: H. Res. 1405, amend-

ed, to congratulate the people of the 17 African nations that in 2010 are marking the 50th year of their national independence, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 410 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 420; **Page H5320**

Congratulating the Government of South Africa upon its first two successful convictions for human trafficking: H. Res. 1412, amended, to congratulate the Government of South Africa upon its first two successful convictions for human trafficking, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 421; **Page H5327**

Expressing support for designation of June 30 as “National ESIGN Day”: H. Con. Res. 290, to express support for designation of June 30 as “National ESIGN Day”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 397 yeas to 15 noes, Roll No. 426; and **Page H5342**

Expressing support for the people of Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador as they persevere through the aftermath of Tropical Storm Agatha: H. Res. 1462, amended, to express support for the people of Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador as they persevere through the aftermath of Tropical Storm Agatha which swept across Central America causing deadly floods and mudslides, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 403 yeas to 1 noe, Roll No. 429. **Page H5358**

Restoration of Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 2010: The House passed H.R. 5618, to continue Federal unemployment programs, by a recorded vote of 270 yeas to 153 noes, Roll No. 423. **Pages H5321–30**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Camp motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 220 yeas to 196 noes, Roll No. 422. **Pages H5328–29**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 111–519 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H5321**

H. Res. 1495, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 418, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H5311–19**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Securing Protections for the Injured from Limitations on Liability Act: H.R. 5503, amended, to revise laws regarding liability in certain civil actions arising from maritime incidents and **Pages H5330–36**

Amending the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit any registered lobbyist whose clients include foreign governments which are found to be sponsors of international terrorism or include other foreign nationals from making contributions and other campaign-related disbursements in elections for public office: H.R. 5609, amended, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit any registered lobbyist whose clients include foreign governments which are found to be sponsors of international terrorism or include other foreign nationals from making contributions and other campaign-related disbursements in elections for public office, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 425.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit any registered lobbyist whose clients include foreign governments which are found to be sponsors of international terrorism from making contributions and other campaign-related disbursements in elections for public office.”.

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Call of the House: The Speaker called the House to order and ascertained the presence of a quorum (416 present, Roll No. 424).

Pages H5340–41

Call of the House: The Speaker called the House to order and ascertained the presence of a quorum (419 present, Roll No. 427).

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Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010: Representative Obey moved to concur in the Senate amendment to the text of H.R. 4899, making emergency supplemental appropriations for disaster relief and summer jobs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, with each of the five amendments printed in H. Rept. 111–522. The first portion, consisting of amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–522, was considered as adopted pursuant to H. Res. 1500. The Chair then put the question on adoption of each of portions two through five.

Pages H5358–71

On concurring in the Senate amendment to the text with the second portion of the divided question, consisting of amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–522, agreed to by a yeas-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 182 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 430.

Pages H5371–83, H5404–05

On concurring in the Senate amendment to the text with the third portion of the divided question, consisting of amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–522, rejected by a recorded vote of 25 yeas to 376 noes with 22 voting “present”, Roll No. 431.

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On concurring in the Senate amendment to the text with the fourth portion of the divided question,

consisting of amendment No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–522, rejected by a recorded vote of 100 yeas to 321 noes, Roll No. 432.

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On concurring in the Senate amendment to the text with the fifth portion of the divided question, consisting of amendment No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–522, rejected by a recorded vote of 162 yeas to 260 noes, Roll No. 433.

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H. Res. 1500, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 428, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H5342–43, H5356–58

Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 1493 is adopted.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Oberstar wherein he transmitted copies of 15 resolutions for the General Services Administration’s FY 2010 Capital Investment and Leasing Program adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on July 1, 2010.

Pages H5407–90

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yeas-and-nay votes and 11 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5309, H5310, H5311, H5318–19, H5319–20, 5320, H5327, H5328–29, H5329–30, H5341–42, H5342, H5357, H5358, H5404–05, H5405–06, H5406 and H5406–07. Two quorum calls (Roll No. 424 and Roll No. 427) developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5340–41 and H5356.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 11:59 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 293, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2010.

Committee Meetings

MANAGING CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research held a hearing to review the administration and delivery of conservation programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Agriculture: Dave White, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Jonathan W. Coppess, Administrator, Farm Service Agencies; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch approved for full Committee the FY Legislative Branch Appropriations bill.